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KUMBH MELA AT UJJAIN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has been requested to forward its concurrence for taking up various works for Kumbh Mela in 2016 at Ujjain and if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government proposes to grant Special Assistance Package for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the amount likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): The State Government of Madhya Pradesh had forwarded a proposal of seeking assistance for taking up various works for Kumbh Mela scheduled to be organised in 2016 at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. While seeking Central assistance, the State Government has also informed that as per its estimates, about 4-5 crore people would attend the same for which Municipal Corporation, Ujjain has prepared a 'master plan' involving an overall estimated expenditure of Rs.2,812 crore.

Organising of 'fair' is a state subject, listed in the State list provided in Schedule 7 of the constitution. Hence, though Government of India has, in the past, given some assistance to the States for organising such events of national and international importance, arrangements for mela and execution of related projects and funding thereof are primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government.

The proposal of the State Government is currently under examination and would be decided subject to availability of resources for this purpose.